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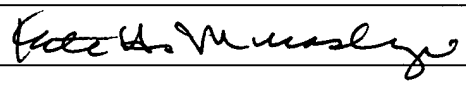
Signature	
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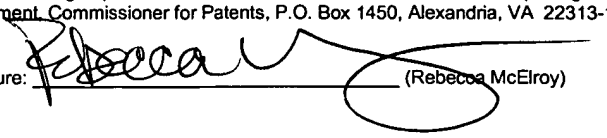
Dated: July 29, 2004 Signature:  (Rebecca McElroy)

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